

## Foreign direct investment, net outflows (% of GDP)

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"Foreign direct investment are the net inflows of investment to acquire a lasting management interest (10 percent or more of voting stock) in an enterprise operating in an economy other than that of the investor. It is the sum of equity capital, reinvestment of earnings, other long-term capital, and short-term capital as shown in the balance of payments. This series shows net outflows of investment from the reporting economy to the rest of the world and is divided by GDP."

(World Bank, <http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/BM.KLT.DINV.GD.ZS> [2], 15-01-2015)

### Data host:

World Bank

### Unit of Measurement:

Percentage (%) of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

### Link to Data:

<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/BM.KLT.DINV.GD.ZS> [2]

### Type of Indicator source:

- [Intergovernmental Organisation](#) [3]

### Geographical Level:

- [National](#) [4]

### Same/similar indicators appears in the following sets:

- [World Development Indicators \(World Bank\)](#) [5]
- [EU Eurostat SDI Indicators](#) [6]
- [GGGI Set of Diagnostic Indicators for assessing country sustainability in green growth planning](#) [7]

### Methodological transparency:

- [Complete methodology available](#) [8]

**Indicator relation:** Indicator: [GDP \(current US\\$\)](#) [9]

**Relationship explanation:** The indicator has been created by taking the net outflows of investment from the reporting economy to the rest of the world and then dividing it by GDP.

**Type of relation:** Other arithmetical connection

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**Type of relation:** Similar indicator

**Indicator:** [Foreign direct investment in developing countries, by income group](#) [11]  
**Type of relation:** Similar indicator

## Temporal Coverage:

1980 to 2013

## Frequency of Updates:

- [annually](#) [12]

## Indicator developer:

World Bank

## Link to Methodology:

[Metadata](#) [2]

## Aggregation level of indicator:

- [Aggregate](#) [13]

## Data quality assesment:

- [assessed by international institution including WTO, OECD](#) [14]

## Publishing delay:

- [1-3 years](#) [15]

## Link to data quality assessment:

[Metadata](#) [2]

## Contribution to the green economy:

Foreign direct investment (FDI) is a key element in international economic integration. FDI creates direct, stable and long-lasting links between economies and encourages the transfer of technology and know-how between countries. Hence its rise is contributing to GE.

## Cost of accessing data:

- [free of charge](#) [16]

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**Potential misinterpretation:** Is foreign direct investment, net outflows (% of GDP) increasing, but the share of

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green investments in the host country is decreasing?

**Related Indicator:** [Green investments \(to capture potential source of transformational change\)](#) [17]

## Use of indicator in mandates, international agreements or legislation:

### Name of agreement or policy:

Overview of EU investment policy

### Name of body or organisation:

European Commission

### Link to body or organisation:

[EU investment policy](#) [18]

### Section or page to find indicator:

Investment in a nutshell



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**Source URL:** <https://measuring-progress.eu/foreign-direct-investment-net-outflows-gdp>

### Links

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